THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) Barley Malt is not classified separately under the ITC (HS) Classifications of Export and Import Items, 1997-2002. However, Malt is classified under Exim Code Heading 11.07 of ITC (HS) Classifications of Export and Import Items. Import of Malt, including that of Barley Malt has been free since 1.4.1996. As per provisional data available with the Government, the foreign exchange outflow on import of Malt including Barley Malt was Rs. 72,38,567 during 1998-99 and a Rs. 87,07,328 during the period April 99 to November, 99. Import data for the current year has not yet been compiled.

The basic customs duty for import of malt is 40%. At the present level of imports and the applicable customs duty, the domestic growers are unliked to be seriously affected.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Social Development Fair 2000

1551. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Social Development Fair 2000 under India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) was organized in New Delhi from May 15th to 21st this year;

(b) if so, what were its aims and to what extent these have been achieved;

(c) whether wide range of products manufactured by socially under privileged were on display and for sale in the fair;

(d) whether these products could get some business; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The fair was aimed at bringing under a single umbrella, the multiple issues of social and community development, such as, empowerment of women, gender equality, health concerns including

reproductive and child health, youth and adolescence, literacy and education, urban growth and poverty, local self-government and rural development, street working children, population stabilization and development, HIV and AIDS, drugs and narcotics, environmental issues etc. viewed context of economic liberalization and sustained human development. Further, the Social Development Fair 2000, 4th fair in the series, was organised to facilitate integration of the endeavours of Government, multilateral agencies, non-government organisations and voluntary organisations and others on the issues relating to social development and community welfare. The objectives of the fair were by and large achieved.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) and (e) The details regarding the quantity and value of business generated by the participants in the fairs are not maintained by ITPO. However, most of the participants expressed satisfaction on the results achieved at the fair.

Anti-Dumping Duty on Indian Steel Plates

1552. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of countries like the USA and the countries belonging to the European Union have imposed heavy anti-dumping duty on Indian Steel plates, togetherwith counter vailing duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to counteract these measures which are adversely affecting the exports of steel and steel products?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) USA has imposed both Anti-dumping and Countervailing Duty of 72.49% and 12.8% respectively on import of Cut-to-length Carbon Steel Plates from India. European Union has provisionally imposed Anti-dumping duty of 21.8% on import of Quarto Plates from India.